IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI CENTRAL DIVISION

RONALD BERNARD,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No. 2:19-cv-04043-NKL
KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.,)
Defendant.)
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JOINT MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULING ORDER AND SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT

COME NOW Plaintiff Ronald Bernard ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Kansas City Life Insurance Co. ("Defendant") (hereinafter "the Parties"), and jointly move the Court for an Order amending the Court's Scheduling Order as follows: to extend the deadline for filing their respective Suggestions in Opposition to Cross Motions for Summary Judgment to and including Friday, December 6, 2019.

SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT

In support of this Motion, the Parties respectfully state and suggest as follows:

- The Court's April 18, 2019 Scheduling Order (Docket No. 7), provides that
 Cross Motions for Summary Judgment were originally due to be filed on or before
 Tuesday, October 15, 2019.
- 2. On October 3, 2019, the Parties jointly filed a motion to amend the Scheduling Order extending the time for the parties to file their respective Cross Motions for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 11).

- 3. On October 3, 2019, the Court granted the joint motion to amend the Scheduling Order and extended the deadline for filing summary motions to Thursday, October 31, 2019 (Docket No. 12).
- 4. Pursuant to the October 3, 2019 Order, the Parties' respective Suggestions in Opposition to Cross Motions for Summary Judgment are presently due to be filed on or before November 21, 2019. The time for filing has not yet expired.
- 5. The Parties jointly move for an extension of time to and including Friday, December 6, 2019 to file their respective Oppositions to Cross Motions for Summary Judgment.
- 6. Further, because this is joint motion, no party will be prejudiced by extending the Summary Judgment deadline.
- 7. The Parties do not seek this extension for the purposes of delay, but rather in a good faith effort to fully address the issues raised by the Parties' Cross Motions for Summary Judgment. The Parties require additional time to complete preparation of their Suggestions in Opposition and have also adjusted the proposed deadline to account for the impact of the Thanksgiving holiday week.
 - 8. A proposed order is submitted with this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully pray that the Court amend the Scheduling Order and enter an Order setting Friday, December 6, 2019, as the filing deadline for their respective Oppositions to Cross Motions for Summary Judgment, and that the Court grant the Parties such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper in the premises.

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I hereby certify that on November 19, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the clerk of the court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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